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SUBJECT: CENTO ECONOMIC INITIATIVES

1. CENTO ECONOMIC STEERING GROUP (ESG) MEETING RESCHEDULED
MORNING AUGUST 29. MEETING OF HIGH LEVEL POLICY OFFICIALS AND
AD HOC MEETING OF RESPONSIBLE OFFICIALS (TO REVIEW IRANIAN
PROPOSALS), ITEMS 3 AND 4 OF AGENDA RESPECTIVELY. SECRETARIAT
NOTE (ESG/74/D51) NOT REPEAT NOT LISTED ON AGENDA BUT WILL SERVE
AS BACKGROUND.

2. BRITISH EMBASSY (JAMES) ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM LONDON HAS
CONSULTED USAID RE THEIR PROPOSED STATEMENT ON THESE TWO ITEMS.
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HE OUTLINED PROPOSED UK POSITION AT NEXT ESG MEETING WHICH HAS

BEEN DEVELOPED ON THE BASIS OF INSTRUCTIONS FROM LONDON: (A) WITH REGARD TO IRANIAN PROPOSALS, (1) IRAN SHOULD BE ASKED TO SPELL THEM OUT IN MORE DETAIL FOLLOWING WHICH (2) THEY SHOULD BE REFERRED TO STANDING CENTO COMMITTEES, E.G., AGRICULTURE, HEALTH, ETC., WHERE REGIONAL MEMBERS SHOULD AGREE ON PRIORITIES. (3) THESE COMMITTEES COULD REPORT TO ESG, WHICH COULD IN TURN REPORT TO HIGH LEVEL MEETING UNDER TERMS OUTLINED DOCUMENT D51 AND ECONOMIC COMMITTEE WOULD CONSIDER AT NEXT MEETING. HOWEVER, IF THIS ROUTE NOT ACCEPTABLE UK WILL PROBABLY GO ALONG WITH AD HOC COMMITTEES. (B) HIGH LEVEL MEETING SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL BUT RATHER AT UNDER-SECRETARY. (C) PROPOSED TERMS OF REFERENCE AS MODIFIED FOLLOWING OUR DISCUSSIONS AS FOLLOWS: (1) TO CONSIDER THE PROGRESS OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN EACH REGIONAL COUNTRY WITH A VIEW TOWARDS EXCHANGING EXPERIENCES ON COMMON PROBLEMS IN INDUSTRY, AGRICULTURE, AGRO-INDUSTRY, TECHNICAL VOCATIONAL TRAINING, HEALTH AND SCIENCE. (2) TO CONSIDER WAYS OF IMPROVING AND INCREASING COOPERATION WITHIN CENTO IN THESE FIELDS. (3) TO CONSIDER WAYS IN WHICH CENTO MIGHT COOPERATE IN REALIZING THE AIMS OF REGIONAL COOPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT. UK REP CONSULTING LONDON WITH REGARD TO OMITTING POINT 3 ABOVE SINCE POINT 2 AS REVISED COVERS.

3. U.S. DELEGATE WILL WAIT FOR COMMENTS FROM REGIONAL MEMBERS BUT IF, AS LIKELY, THESE NOT FORTHCOMING PROPOSES STATE THAT UK PROPOSALS (A) AND (B) ABOVE CONSISTENT WITH U.S. VIEWS EXCEPT THAT U.S. WOULD WANT TO OMIT HIGH LEVEL MEETING FROM SCENARIO FOR IRANIAN PROPOSALS AND HAVE ESG VIEWS ON COMMITTEE REPORTS GO DIRECTLY TO ECONOMIC COMMITTEE. RE (C) PROPOSE SAY THIS CONSISTENT WITH U.S. ORIGINAL REPLY TO RESOLUTION A. U.S. HAS SINCE MOVED TOWARD SUBJECT MATTER MEETINGS AT UNDER-SEC LEVEL, BUT IF UK PROPOSED TERMS OF REFERENCE ACCEPTABLE TO REGIONAL MEMBERS, PERSONALLY BELIEVE U.S. WILL AGREE. WILL CONSULT WASHINGTON AND ADVISE DEPUTY SEC (ECON).

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